



**MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY, 4th JULY, 2016 AT 6.00PM IN THE GUILDHALL, BEWDLEY**

PRESENT

Councillor Linda Candlin
Councillor Roger Coleman
Councillor Calne Edginton-White
Councillor Mary Fishwick
Councillor Derek Killingworth (Chair)

In attendance:
Nick Farress, Town Clerk
Barbara Byng, Assistant Town Clerk
Six members of the public

6905 Apologies

None. All Members present.

6906 Declarations of Interest:

.None.

6907 Dispensations

None received.

Public Question Time

Comments in relation to applications included in Item 5 of the Agenda (Minute ref: **6915** and **6918**) were made. These are included at the end of these Minutes.

6908 Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th June 2016. These were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

6910 16/0222/FULL/16/0223/LIST and 16/0267/FULL which were deferred at the last meeting, were further deferred as revised plans have not yet been received.

6911 16/0311/FULL Proposed extension to provide dormitory sleeping accommodation
Rhydd Lodge, Kidderminster Road
Kidderminster & District Scout Council

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

6912 16/0314/CERTP Certificate of Lawfulness: Proposed side extension
2 Merricks Lane
Ms S Porter

Noted

6913 16/0326/FULL Installation of new in-fill walls, auto-door & shop
front sections, AC condenser, redecorations, ATM
Relocation, car park alterations, MOE door,
lighting, vent relocation and the removal of rear
extensions. Change of use for existing car wash to
be converted to warehousing
Co-op Stores, 21-26 Kidderminster Road
The Co-operative Group

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

6914 16/0328/FULL Change of use of land to the keeping of horses;
construction of stable block and hard standing and
the creation of access track and alterations to
existing field access on The Lakes Road
Land north of the Lakes Road
Mr C Dodds

It was agreed to recommend **approval** subject to the Planning Authority
ensuring the works do not compromise the Public Right of Way

6915 16/0337/TCA Beech-Crown height reduction of 3-4m and 2-3m
off the radial spread
Bewdley Library, Load Street
Place Partnership Limited

It was reluctantly agreed to recommend **approval** to this tree work due to the
fungal infection identified and the safety issues which could arise if the
remedial works were not carried out. Confirmation of the need for the work
were seen, in the form of reports from a team of Arboricultural Consultants
employed by WFDC, the Planning Authority's own Arboricultural Officer and
Bewdley Town Council Tree Wardens.

However, it was **agreed** that a formal request for a Tree Preservation Order
to be placed on this tree be made to the Planning Authority with the aim of
providing protection, and monitoring, in future years.

6916 16/0338/TCA Re-pollard Two Willows
30 Severnside Mill
Mr M Reynolds

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

6917 16/3026/DEM Demolition of 2 blocks of Residential Flats (odd
numbers 45 to 91 45 Springhill Rise
Wyre Forest Community Housing

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

- 6918** **16/0347/FULL** Demolition of Bewdley Library and Medical Centre and change of use of public car park
Bewdley Library & Old Medical Centre, Load Street
Worcestershire County Council

It was agreed to recommend **approval** of the demolition works. However, in response to a number of concerns expressed by Town Councillors and members of the public (residents), clarification regarding change of use of the public car park is to be sought from the Planning Authority.

The Chairman commented on a local newspaper article headed '*Deal Struck on Parking in Town*'. Bewdley Town Council had not been consulted or notified prior to publication.

A letter has been received from WFDC advising that, due to the forthcoming disposal of a listed community asset (Bewdley Library and Information Centre) community groups may now notify the local authority of their intention to be treated as a potential bidder. Requests are required in writing before 14th August 2016. Bewdley Development Trust registered the building some time ago as a community asset, but it is not clear at this stage whether they will proceed with a bid.

- 6919** **16/0348/FULL** Removal of existing double garage and construction of new brick double garage with plain tile roof. Removal of one section of existing brick boundary wall and creation of 6 defined car parking spaces in place of existing arrangements
Peacock House, 2 Lower Park
Mr & Mrs Griffin

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

- 6920** **16/0349/LIST** Removal of existing double garage and construction of new brick double garage with plain tile roof. Removal of one section of existing brick boundary wall and creation of 6 defined car parking spaces in place of existing arrangements
Peacock House, 2 Lower Park
Mr & Mrs Griffin

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

- 6921** **16/0356/FULL** Proposed rear two storey extension
83 Wassell Drive
Mr S Davis

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

6922 **16/0361/FULL** Single storey rear extension
22 The Lakes Road
Mr S Neale

It was agreed to recommend **approval**

6923 **16/0363/TCA** Raise crown to 5 metres on North West side of 2x
English Yews; Reduce the height and overhanging
branch on the South side of Horse Chestnut by 5
metres
The Stables, Lower Park
Mr J Hayes

It was agreed to raise **no objection** subject to any conditions the
Arboricultural Officer may wish to impose

6924 **16/0366/TRE** Hornbeam (T1) Remove selective branches that
are growing towards and over the dwelling to give a
2 metre clearance and carry out a crown clean.
Hornbeam (T2) Lift crown by a maximum of 1.5
metres and clean crown.
Sandbourne House, Sandbourne Lane
Mr A Rees

It was agreed to recommend **approval** subject to any conditions the
Arboricultural Officer may wish to impose

6925 **16/0312/S73** S.73 Application to vary condition 2 of Planning
Permission WF/0566/98 to allow for minor change
to unimplemented sections of permission granted
for extensions to Clubhouse building
Wharton Park Golf Club, Long Bank
The Club Company Ltd

The variations were **noted**

6926 **Green Belt Review – WFDC**
An update was received on the response to the consultation on the
methodology proposed by WFDC in relation to the Green Belt review due to
the carried out by the District Council's appointed consultants, Amec Foster
Wheeler.

6927 **Representations**
The Chairman confirmed his intention to make representation at the next
Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, 19th July, 2016, regarding
applications 16/0189/FULL, 16/0212/FULL, and 16/0280/FULL.

6928 **Planning Decisions Update**
Noted.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed.....
Chairman at Planning Committee
1st August, 2016

Public Period

Penny Griffiths of **5 Dog Lane** expressed concerns relating to revised plans to remodel the present Medical Centre/Library site, leaving an area for future development adjoining Dog Lane. She said she has visited Kidderminster Town Hall and inspected the plans. However, there is no specific detail shown. Residents living in Dog Lane are familiar with flooding and it is vital that the Environment Agency be included in any future planning proposals in this vicinity. She also questioned the safety of pedestrians in the new car park due to be created, as no specific walkways are included. She commented that the Conservation Area in Bewdley is an area everyone is proud of and generates a lot of visitors to the town. It should therefore be protected and preserved.

Lynn Booth of **70 Steatite Way, Stourport on Severn** wished to hear the reasons for the application to cut back the Copper Beech Tree growing outside the Library. (See Minute No. 6915)

Tony Raybould of **2 Dog Lane**, **Owen Raybould** of **3 Dog Lane** and **Chris Griffin** of **Peacock House** had concerns relating to the revised plans for the existing Medical Centre and Library site. Until the fate of the Fire Station has been decided, it is uncertain what the final development area will look like and what will be included on it. Mr Griffin read out a report sent to the Planning Authority's Case Officer detailing the views of Bewdley Civic Society. He commented that the reply received did not address all concerns raised and many questions remained.